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A Pleasant Entertainment.

A Dickens evening was given lately at an entertainment for charity. It consisted of tableaux, as Nell and her grandfather, the Dombey children on the seashore, Miss Havisham, etc., and dialogues taken literally from the novels. These were Mrs. Nickleby and Kate with the mad gentleman, Dick Swiveller and the marchioness, and David, Mrs. Dick and Miss Trotwood. This list could be extended almost indefinitely, and, even with the rawest of amateur actors, the gay fun of some of these scenes would go well. It is to be doubted whether Dickens' pathos might not better be left to trained actors, or, as was done here, only suggested by tableaux.

A Pretty Picture Frame.

It can be easily and inexpensively fashioned from cardboard; or, if you prefer, plain pine wood may take the place of cardboard. First cover the mat with fabric chosen from one of the daintily flowered chailies, silkolines or china silks. About the frame this same material is arranged to form a graceful puff, the fullness being gathered at both edges. Very tiny tacks fasten into place the inside fullness, while the outer gathering is tacked to the back part of the frame, a narrow tape neatly finishing it.



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THE RATIONAL DRESS CLUB.

Women of Denver Who Propose to Wear Comfortable Attire—Their Pledge.

The male population of Denver is just now in a state of daily expectation of an event which is to revolutionize society, in appearance at least.

For some time the men have had a suspicion that the women had concealed somewhere about them that unknown quantity, a divided skirt, in spite of the fact that their skirts still flow about them as gracefully and innocently as though dress reform had never been heard of. But their suspicions have a pretty firm foundation. A rational dress club is only awaiting a few last converts to complete its roll of 100 members to make its appearance before the wondering public. They don't intend to troop out in a squad like some new fangled army, but they will put on their new reform clothes, and if their courage holds out go about the duties of life as though nothing had happened.

The models for these reform clothes are furnished by Mrs. B. O. Flower, the wife of the editor of The Arena, and Laura Lee of Philadelphia. The costume consists of bloomers and a blouse. But Denver does not intend to be a mere copyist in point of style, so she has modified the two designs given her by the east, and her leaders of society will appear in a garb peculiar to themselves. The skirts are to be very full and gathered just above the ankle, so that the folds will fall within five or six inches of the ground, and they are said to follow the movements of the legs so gracefully that it is difficult to see much difference from the conventional skirt.

It is to the enterprise of the Chicago Tribune that the early knowledge of the reform is due. It has done its work of investigation thoroughly, too, as it even gives us the form of the pledge which must be signed by those who wish to be among the hundred. One result of this movement will be to reduce the long reigning Four Hundred of the city of Denver to the One Hundred.

The pledge is as follows:

Believing that the health, grace and comfort of women will be increased by the adoption of a more rational dress for business (including housekeeping purposes), I, the undersigned, in consideration of ninety-nine (99) other women of the city of Denver severally pledging and binding themselves by an agreement similar to this, do hereby pledge and bind myself and agree:

First—To provide myself with a costume as follows: A rational dress skirt, a comfortable fitting blouse or waist, and no waistband, or girdling of any kind whatever (whether in the form of a corset, under waist or dress waist) shoes with common sense heels.

Second—To wear the same publicly in the city of Denver, commencing at such time after one hundred (100) women shall have signed this document, as may be determined by the Colorado Rational Dress club.

Third—To continue to wear the same as a working, business or street costume for the period of at least three months after said date.

Fourth—To use my influence to induce others to join the Colorado Rational Dress club.

Mrs. J. A. Kilton, wife of a member of the legislature, is president of the club, and Miss Clara Irwin is its secretary. Mrs. C. W. Varnum, wife of a prominent attorney; Dr. Mary E. Bates, Mrs. Helen T. Bates, Mrs. C. W. Betts, Mrs. Bradley and Mrs. Harrington have already enlisted. Other names are kept secret to add to the surprise in store for the public.

Mrs. Kilton says, "There will not be the least bit of immodesty about the dress," and she thinks there is no reason why it cannot be made very attractive. In her opinion it is all nonsense for women to say they cannot help looking slouchy without corsets. She says: "They will simply have to learn to stand up and walk gracefully. Think of the comfort and ease and cleanliness! I am willing to grant that the sight will be a little peculiar at first, but when the first impression of strangeness wears off our genial critics, the men, will say, 'Well done, and God bless you!'" Mrs. Kilton intends to have every one of her dresses—house, street and evening—made after the new pattern. Miss Irwin and others will follow her example.

When the number of signatures required is complete, the idea is to have a reception, so as to get a little accustomed to the now found freedom from petticoats before venturing on the streets. There seems to be little doubt among the women but the Rational Dress club will be a great success.—New York Sun.

They Do and They Don't.

Among the women writers the question of woman suffrage arouses contradictory opinions. Mrs. Mary Mapes Dodge, Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, Julia C. R. Dorr, Sarah Orne Jewett, Olive Thorne Miller and Jennie June Croly are all willing and resolved to vote if the right is accorded to them. Marion Harland does not want the right of suffrage and would not vote if she could; Mrs. E. D. E. N. Southworth would not vote, but is willing to let others if they may, and Ella Wheeler Wilcox would be too busy to vote. This division applies only to the contributors in a recent symposium on the subject in a Chicago paper.

Nellie Grant Sartoris.

It was a very agreeable surprise to the many friends of Nellie Grant Sartoris to learn that she is about to abandon England and her husband's rela-



HANDSOME NEW COWNS.

The gown on the left is of dark blue cheviot serge, with the waist and front of the skirt cut in one. The basque is simply draped upon it. The trimming consists of black beads sewn in festoons and black velvet bows. The other is of black velutina, with a wide band of black moire around the bottom. The sleeves and revers are of moire. The vest is of white crepe de chine.

tives and take up her abode in Washington, where, as her father's daughter and from her own charming personality, she will always be a central figure. Still more pleasant is it to know that she is well supplied with this world's goods, derived partly from her late husband's estate and partly from her mother.—New York Recorder.

THE BLYTHE MILLIONS.

Florence Blythe Hinckley Inherits a Magnificent Fortune.

Mrs. Florence Blythe Hinckley, who, by the decision of the supreme court of California, the highest appellate tribunal of the state, is declared legally entitled to the property of her putative father, Thomas H. Blythe, thereby comes into possession of an estate worth at least \$4,000,000, much of it in San Francisco real estate, which is rapidly appreciating in value. This property,



FLORENCE BLYTHE HINCKLEY.

though not particularly well improved, is returning a steady income of about \$150,000 a year, and by judicious improvement can easily be made to yield four times that sum. There are also thousands of acres of land belonging to the estate in southern California, near the city of San Diego, and other thousands of acres in New Mexico and Arizona, besides a domain of magnificent extent in old Mexico.

The legal battle for the possession of Blythe's property began in 1886. It was very much involved because of the pains which Blythe took to conceal his antecedents and history. There were nearly a hundred claimants besides Florence Blythe, who was alleged to be the natural daughter of Blythe and his legal heiress. The evidence showed that Blythe's proper name was Williams, and that he was born in Wales. He left home at 16, drifted to California and accumulated wealth. He died suddenly in San Francisco in 1888, leaving no will.

In February, 1873, while in London, Blythe contracted an intimacy with a girl of 20, Julia Perry. Blythe was then 50 years old. Florence was born Dec. 18 of that year. Blythe provided for the child and gave to her mother, Miss Perry, his true name and address before returning to America. In 1870 Julia Perry married a man named Ashcroft, whose child some of the claimants alleged Florence to be. Florence was taken to San Francisco immediately after Blythe's death. Her striking resemblance to the dead pioneer made Blythe's intimate friends favor her claims. Miss Blythe was married in 1892 to Frederick M. Hinckley, a young man in the insurance business in San Francisco. They reside in Oakland and have a beautiful country place at San Rafael.

Guarding the Bank of England.

The Bank of England is watched nightly by a guard of about 500 men from the Household troops under the command of an officer, who usually march from Wellington or St. George's barracks.

Divorce in San Francisco.

San Francisco has the greatest proportion of divorces to marriages of any city in the world. For every 10,000 marriages there are 4,233 divorces.

He Reconsidered His Intention.

A friend of the writer tells this story. He says he was traveling in New Brunswick one cold, stormy night this winter. It was snowing, and the wind was blowing furiously.

He had driven a long distance without seeing a house, and he knew it must be a long way to a village where accommodations for man and beast could be secured.

So he hailed with delight a rough farmhouse by the roadside and drove up in front and began to shout to the inmates.

It seemed a long time before there was any sign of life, but at last a chamber window opened, and a rough man's voice, with a good deal of profanity intermingled, asked what was wanted.

"I want to stay here all night," said our friend.

"Well, stay there and be d—d to you. You needn't wake everybody up in the middle of the night," and down went that window with a smash.—Portland Express.

As to the Paternal Mind.

While rounding the post at the head of the stairs on his way to bed the sleepy old father of the family knocked his tenderest corn against something hard. In the recoil he upset a broom, a dustpan and a coal bucket that somebody had left standing near the top step, and they went banging down the stairway. In the parlor sat young Spoonamere. As he listened to the horrible racket and saw no window open, he rushed from the floor above that accompanied it he turned pale.

"Is your father taking that method of showing his displeasure at my coming here, Miss Pinkie?" he whispered anxiously.

"You needn't be afraid of papa, Mr. Spoonamere," she answered. "He has changed his mind about you."

"Is that the way he changes his mind?" he inquired, nervously fingering his hat.—Chicago Tribune.

Knew How It Was Himself.

Colonel Yenger does not think it right to bestow promiscuous charity. A few days ago a beggar met him and applied to him for pecuniary assistance. After considerable reflection Colonel Yenger responded with a reluctant quarter and an expression of sympathy.

"Thank you, colonel," said the tramp. "I reckon you know how a fellow feels who has no education and has to deendeb his way through the world."—Texas Siftings.

Not an Immune.

"Do you know how to whistle 'Daisy Belle'?" asked the man who had advertised for an office boy.

The boy thought that he saw the trend of the question and promptly answered, "Naw."

"I guess you won't do then. I want a boy who has been through the attack and recovered."—Indianapolis Journal.

What He Does.

"What do you do," asked the novice in finance, "when the market sends prices up to where you don't want them?"

"What do I do?" echoed the operator with unlimited resources. "I grin and bear it."—Washington Star.

Explaining It.

Small Boy (to mamma, tucking his sister in bed)—Tuck in my footies, too, mamma, Small Sister (severely)—You mustn't say "footies," you must say feet. One foot is a foot, and two footies is feet.—Life.

A Preference.

Reuben—If I were a dog, I'd rather be a black one than a white one.

Mamma—Why, Reuben?

Reuben—Because then I wouldn't have to be given a bath so often.—Puck.

She Was Broad Minded.



Pompous Maiden Lady (engaging servant, who has taken the liberty to sit down without being asked)—Do you know that it is a great breach of etiquette for any one to sit down in the presence of their superiors?

Bridget—Lor', yes, mum, but kape your seat! I don't believe in them ancient superstitions.—Punch.

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